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SUBJECT: JULY 11 CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR JULY 11, 1977:

1. YUGOSLAV DEMARCHE ON TERRORISM.

FOREIGN MINISTER MINIC EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER THE COURT DECISION TO SET BAIL ON THE CROATIAN TERRORISTS ACCUSED OF ATTEMPTING TO KIDNAP YUGOSLAVIA'S UN AMBASSADOR. AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER BELIEVES THE US SHOULD ISSUE A STATEMENT NOTING THE ALARMING RISE OF TERRORISM AGAINST NATIONALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND UNDERSCORING OUR COMMITMENT TO A UNIFIED YUGOSLAVIA. (BELGRADE 4611, CONF)

2. DEMIREL REJECTS ECEVIT'S SURPRISE OFFER.

ECEVIT PROPOSED A COALITION OF HIS CENTER-LEFT REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY WITH DEMIREL'S CENTER-RIGHT JUSTICE PARTY

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(JP). EMBASSY ANKARA BELIEVES ECECIT KNEW HIS OFFER WOULD BE TURNED DOWN, BUT HOPED IT WOULD PROVOKE DISSENSION WITHIN THE JP AND THUS HAMPER DEMIREL'S EFFORTS TO FORM A COALITION WITH THE NATIONAL SALVATION AND NATIONALIST ACTION PARTIES. (ANKARA 5179, LOU)

3. INDONESIA: MALIK'S FUTURE UNCERTAIN.

SINGAPORE'S PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW HAS INFORMED
AMBASSADOR HOLDRIDGE THAT THE INDONESIAN MILITARY WANTS
FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK REPLACED BY A JAVANESE, AND
CONSEQUENTLY MALIK IS NOW "FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE."
(SINGAPORE 2903, SECRET/EXDIS)

4. BEGIN ON NEGOTIATIONS AND THE PLO.

PRIME MINISTER BEGIN REITERATED TO CODEL HAMILTON JULY 8
THAT NO PRE-CONDITIONS SHOULD BE PLACED ON EITHER SIDE'S
PARTICIPATION IN THE GENEVA TALKS. HE ALSO STATED UN-
EQUIVOCALLY THAT ONLY SOVEREIGN STATES COULD BE REPRESENTED,
BUT THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT OBJECT IF IN THE
JORDANIAN DELEGATION "THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CALL THEMSELVES
PALESTINIANS." (TEL AVIV 5008, CONF/EXDIS)

5. SITHOLE RETURNS, PF ACCUSES.

COINCIDENT WITH HIS RETURN TO RHODESIA, THE PATRIOTIC
FRONT (PF) HAS ACCUSED NDABANINGI SITHOLE OF CONSPIRING
WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND THE SMITH REGIME TO ARRANGE THE
ASSASSINATION OF ITS TOP LEADERS. EMBASSY LUSAKA VIEWS
THE ALLEGATION AS A PF ATTEMPT TO EXPOSE OR CREATE A
DIRECT LINK BETWEEN ITS BLACK AND WHITE ADVERSARIES OR
TO PREPARE A COVER SHOULD ONE OF ITS LEADERS BE KILLED
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IN AN INTERNAL POWER STRUGGLE. (LUSAKA 1962, CONF)

6. SADAT SAYS ARABS READY FOR PEACE.

SADAT TOLD SENATOR JAVITS JULY 10 THAT A PEACE AGREEMENT
COULD BE NEGOTIATED IN "ONE MONTH," BUT HE FEARED THE
ISRAELIS MAY NOT BE READY. RECALLING THE DEADLOCK THAT
PRECEDED THE FIRST SINAI DISENGAGEMENT, SADAT REMARKED
THAT ONCE AGAIN ONLY THE US CAN BRING THE TWO SIDES
TOGETHER. (CAIRO 11485, CON/EXDIS)

7. FRENCH HOLD OFF ON REPROCESSING TALKS.

ALTHOUGH ZIA IS ANXIOUS TO PURSUE TALKS IN PARIS, THE
FRENCH WANT TO WAIT UNTIL THE SITUATION IN PAKISTAN
CLARIFIES. (PARIS 20113, SECRET/EXDIS)
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